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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated December 19, 2002, having a period for response set to expire March 19, 2003, Applicants hereby submit the following Amendment.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as indicated below.

Please delete the title and replace it with the following replacement title:

DEBRIDEMENT EXTENSION PROVIDING IRRIGATION AND MECHANICAL
SCRUBBING FOR REMOVAL OF DEAD, DEVITALIZED, OR CONTAMINATED
TISSUE FROM A WOUND.

Please delete paragraph [0022] spanning pages 6 and 7 and replace it with the following replacement paragraph:

[0022] As illustrated, e.g., in Figure 2, debridement tip 14 includes flutes 40 connecting suction apertures 34 and irrigation apertures 38. Figure 2 illustrates flutes 40 extending from suction apertures 34 to the distal end of debridement tip 14, i.e., the end of debridement tip 14 having axial irrigation aperture 44 formed therein. In an alternative embodiment of the current invention, flutes 40 will span suction apertures 34 and irrigation apertures 38. As illustrated, e.g., in Figures 2 and 4, annular channel 56 connects suction apertures 34 and flutes 40. Flutes 40 provide a path for irrigation fluid and debris to enter suction apertures 34. Furthermore, flutes 40 provide a texture to effect a scrubbing action when the tip is maneuvered in the wound as further described below.

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